

# Turn the Curve: Connection and Collaboration Evaluation Results

## Jefferson County Health Alliance February 10, 2020

### Overview

On February 10, 2020, the Jefferson County Health Alliance hosted a Turn the Curve event on connection and collaboration at Jeffco Public School in Golden, Colorado. The objectives of the meeting were to 1) generate interest in the Health Alliance; 2) foster relationship building and 3) identify potential strategies to improve connection and collaboration in Jefferson County. The following are the evaluation results from the meeting.

### Participants

Due to room capacity, the Alliance capped registration on Eventbrite at 100. By February 5, 2020, the event was "sold out." On the day of the event, 89 people participated. Additionally, 3 consultants and 2 staff members attended the event. Approximately half of the participants, 48% (n=43), were from organizations not in the steering committee or unaffiliated. See Table 1.

Of the 45 participants from steering committee organizations, 13 were steering committee representatives. Jefferson County Public Health had the largest number of participants (14, including two steering committee representatives) followed by Jeffco Public Schools with 10, including one steering committee representative. See Table 2.

Table 1: Distribution of participants* by organization type	
Steering committee organizations	45
Non-profit	14
Municipal/fire/police	6
Business-health	6
Government, not steering	4
Business-other	2
Faith	2
Funder	2
Unaffiliated	8
*Staff and consultants were excluded from the participant list.	

Table 2: Distribution of participants from steering committee organizations by organization	
Jefferson County Public Health	14**
Jefferson County Public Schools	10*
Colorado Community Health Alliance	6**
Jefferson Center	3*
Jefferson County Human Services	3**
Lutheran	3**
Stride	3*
Centura Health	2*
Signal	1*
*Includes one steering committee member	
**Includes two steering committee members	
Note: Health Alliance staff are not included	

### Respondents

Thirty-eight participants (43%) provided evaluations of the event. Of note, by the end of the event several people had left the meeting for other commitments, but since the number of participants at the end of the meeting is unknown, the response rate reflects the number of respondents by the total number of participants.

### Meeting Feedback

The following is a summary of responses to questions asked on the survey.

Overall, respondents had a positive impression of the event. When asked what one word was to

describe the meeting, 86% of respondents who provided information (n=32) provided positive words (Table 3).

Table 3: What is one word to describe the meeting? (n=37)

<i>Positive words (n=32)</i>		<i>Negative words (n=5)</i>
Interesting (6)	Impactful (1)	Behind (1)
Informative (4)	Invigorating (1)	Challenging (1)
Collaborative (4)	Networking (1)	Hectic (1)
Ambitious (1)	Open (1)	Repetitive (1)
Conversation (1)	Potential (1)	Slow (1)
Empowering (1)	Productive (1)	
Energizing (1)	Relatable (1)	
Enlightening (1)	Thinky (1)	
Exciting (1)	Thought-provoking (1)	
Good process (1)	Well-facilitated (1)	
Hopeful (1)		

Thirty-four respondents (89%) listed one thing they learned from the session that will impact their work. Of these, 21% (n=7) used words related to "collaboration" and 24% (n=8) used words related to "connection." One person responded that they didn't learn anything from the session that will impact their work. See Table 4.

Table 4: What is one thing you learned from the session that will impact your work. (n=34)

Others are open to bridging the gap between services and <b>collaborate</b> to serve clients together. Many are experiencing the same frustration that I do.	Even more effort must be made to <b>connect</b> across diverse populations to improve community, neighborhood, and organizational efforts and quality of life.
Folks who have worked here a long time are stuck on historical failures and egos getting in the way of <b>collaboration</b>	Many organizations in Jeffco are looking to build <b>connections</b>
Instilling some hope for inching toward a better <b>collaboration!</b>	Thinking broader about impact my organization can have on community <b>connectivity</b>
Impact with <b>collaboration</b>	<b>Connection</b> matters
<b>Collaboration</b> across organizations can happen but requires shared risk and shared reward.	That there needs to be more community <b>connections.</b>
That other organizations are struggling with the same issues that we struggle with.	Working on joint effort to increase feelings of <b>connectivity.</b>
<b>Collaboration</b>	Remember <b>connecting</b>
That there is a desire to do things differently at the county level - think about how I can go deeper with current partners	We all have different ideas and definitions of <b>connection</b> and <b>collaboration.</b>
The data was interesting. There was some really positive data and it showed where we have some gaps.	Introduce your name to people and who you serve and what you do.... not just what organization you work for
The additional thinking about engaging community	Consider approaching situations from others' point of view
Lot of engagement	Who is also in this space

Large variety of uncoordinated organizations	The goals/vision of JCHA - very cool.
Jefferson county is engaged.	Engagement is priority.
Need to raise awareness of libraries as safe, equitable spaces.	Number of qualified individuals working in this area.
Plan of the Alliance	The process
Many partners yet there could be more	Meet others move forward caring
Who is at the table and who is not	None

The majority (61%) felt like their voices were heard and that they can see a role for themselves or their organization with the Jefferson County Health Alliance (58%). See Table 5.

Table 5: Responses to ordinal data about the connection of the respondent with the Health Alliance and its next steps

	True	More true than false	More false than true	False
I feel like my voice was heard. (n=38)	61% (23)	32% (12)	8% (3)	0
I can see a role for myself/my organization within the Jefferson County Health Alliance. (n=38)	58% (22)	34% (13)	8% (3)	0
I understand the next steps that will happen after this meeting. (n=37)	65% (24)	32% (12)	3% (1)	0

The Alliance also asked respondents how like they would be to continue engaging with the Jefferson County Health Alliance. All but one of the 37 respondents (97%), thought they would be likely or very likely to continue engaging.

Finally, the Alliance asked for final comments from respondents. These are listed in Table 6.

Table 6: Comments from Respondents

If there is a way to support other groups like the food policy council, Tobacco Free Jeffco, etc, already doing impactful work in Jeffco	I was surprised how much people were still in the dark on needs and how to work with the community.
I see a role for my organization and we need to be here.	Please arrange for meeting space with windows to the outdoors
Thank you! (5)	Great lunch choice
Process did not clearly define a specific problem, which made the rest of the meeting feel disjointed - what is the problem with collaboration in Jeffco? What is the problem with connection in Jeffco? The data did not make that clear and it was not discussed further.	This was a broad topic meeting, so it is understandable that there were broad data sets and discussion, but special attention needs to be paid to how these strategies will impact marginalized communities and how we can impact their data trends as well
Good facilitating	I'd like to see how more people can be involved
Thank you for organizing this important work	Hoping good things really come from this!
I am hopeful this will build on so many good things already happening. My fear is that it could be one more time-consuming effort that is repetitive and doesn't move the needle	I'm more likely to continue engaging with the Alliance if more community members were present.

The time was not convenient for community members to participate. This may be why we are behind in turning the curve in Jeffco.	I hope we can come together as organization s and not just individuals....to address big systemic challenges.
Please include more stakeholder input as appropriate	

### **Conclusion**

Overall, feedback from respondents was very positive. The respondents primarily had positive things to say about the event and their take-aways were in line with objectives of the meeting. Additionally, a clear majority found it more true than false that they saw a role for themselves or their organization in the Jefferson County Health Alliance as well as thought it likely or very likely that they will continue to engage with the Alliance.

Respondents noted that additional perspectives from people from communities and marginalized populations are essential for the Alliance's next steps. In fact, one participant commented that participation from these groups would be necessary for their on-going participation. Although a number of organizations and unaffiliated individuals participated in the event, the majority of participants came from steering committee member organizations.